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For Magnetic Sensor Having Free Layer)
Additionally Provided With Magnetic)
Anisotropy by Shape Anisotropy)

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Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2001-256617 discloses a recessed free antiferromagnetic layer. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2000-163717 discloses a recessed pinning antiferromagnetic layer. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 08-007225 discloses a write head comprising a recessed lower core layer.

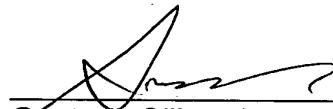
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A2	Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2001-256617	09/2001	Japan		x	
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